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 $56^{TH}$  MEDICAL EVACUATION BATTALION RETURNS FROM OIF

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Approximately 40 soldiers from the 56<sup>th</sup> Medical Evacuation Battalion are scheduled to return from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Green Ramp, Pope Air Force Base, **Saturday, March 13 at noon.** 

The soldiers of the 56<sup>th</sup> Medical Evacuation Battalion provided direct and general support to the 101st Air Assault Division and 173rd Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Mosul and Kirkuk to the north, to the 82nd Airborne Division and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment to the west in Al Asad and Al Fallujah, to the 4th Infantry Division in Balad, to the 1st Armored Division and 2 Light Cavalry Regiment in and around Baghdad, and to the Multi-National Division Center South (NMD-CS) as far south as Tallil.

The 56th Medical Evacuation Battalion "MEDICINE WARRIORS" served with meritorious distinction to clear the battlefield of wounded soldiers and coalition forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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(Editor's note: Media interested in covering the event need to contact the Corps Media Relations Office at (910) 396-5600/5620 no later than 3 p.m. Friday, March 12. Upon confirmation, media will meet at Stryker Golf Course Saturday, March 13 no later than 10:45 a.m. Please be reminded that the flight time is subject to change.)